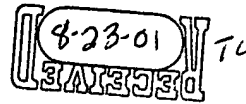


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to be displayed is greater than one, and wherein the most recently activated windows are identified for display;

arranging the identified windows on the screen for display in the particular format, wherein the identified windows are visibly arranged; and

wherein each time a new window is activated the steps of identifying and arranging are repeated.

100. The method of claim 99, further comprising choosing the desired number of activated windows to arrange on the screen in the particular format.

101. The method of claim 99, wherein the desired number of activated windows to arrange on the screen is a default value.

102. The method of claim 100, further comprising recognizing one or more activated windows which have not been identified for display and will not be arranged for display on the screen in the particular format.

103. The method of claim 102, wherein an activated window not identified for display may be represented on the screen with a representative display, the method further comprising representing one or more recognized windows on the screen with a representative display.

104. The method of claim 103, wherein the representative display is an icon which graphically represents the recognized window and wherein the icon is displayed simultaneously with an identified window.

105. The method of claim 104, further comprising minimizing the recognized window.

106. A method for displaying active information windows on a screen, wherein the information windows are generated by a computer and the screen is operably connected to the

computer, and wherein the information windows may be displayed in two or more formats, comprising:

β² identifying at least one active window, wherein the identified windows will be displayed in a first format on the screen,

recognizing at least one active window, wherein the recognized windows will be displayed in a second format on the screen, and wherein none of the identified windows are recognized; and

generating a display on the screen for viewing identified windows and recognized windows, wherein a first format display is generated for each of the identified windows, wherein a second format display is generated for each of the recognized windows, and wherein the second format is different from the first format, comprising:

arranging the first format displays and second format displays for display on the screen, wherein the computer is used in the arranging step; and

repeating the steps of identifying, recognizing and generating when a new window is activated.

107. The method of claim 106, wherein the steps occur automatically each time a new window is activated.

108. The method of claim 106, wherein the second format is graphic icons and the graphic icons are arranged to overlay on the first format display, and wherein the method further comprises arranging the graphic icons, wherein the graphic icons are arranged in an orderly fashion.

109. The method of claim 106, wherein the first format displays are arranged vertically side-by-side.

110. The method of claim 106, wherein the first format displays are arranged horizontally.

111. The method of claim 106, wherein the generating step further comprises minimizing the recognized windows.

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112. The method of claim 106, wherein a database manager is used, and wherein the step of generating further comprises accessing a database of information and using the accessed database information to generate the first format displays.

113. A database management system using windows of information and auto-arranging of the windows, wherein each time a previously inactive window is activated the system autoarranges the windows for display on a screen, comprising:

a memory, wherein data for use in generating information windows is stored;

a processor, operably coupled to the memory, that auto-arranges the windows of information; wherein the windows of information are automatically arranged, the processor comprising:

means for generating windows of information using data from the memory; and

means for auto-arranging windows of information into an arranged format, wherein more than one window may be arranged, and wherein each time a previously inactivate window is activated, all the active windows are arranged so that the arrangement of windows changes each time a previously inactivate window is activated; and

a screen, operably coupled to the processor, wherein the screen displays the information windows in an arranged format.

114. The database management system of claim 113, wherein the means for auto-arranging windows comprises: